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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Earl Eisenhower, Minority Staff Director, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

1. Earl Eisenhower came out to the Agency for security briefings in connection with his appointment to the position of Minority Staff Director. I asked him to drop by the office and [redacted] and I spoke to him for approximately one hour. I was quite impressed with Earl as an individual and I was also impressed with the grasp which he seems to have of the work which the Committee is doing and some of the atmospherics that are involved. I have the feeling that he will not take the investigative and sometimes adversarial approach that we have seen in some staffers in the past. This does not mean that he will always support our positions but I think he will approach his job from the standpoint of constructive oversight and a mutual desire for communication and cooperation. 25X1

2. In addition to going over some of the atmospherics, we discussed the following points:

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position taken in Mr. Knoche's letter to the Select Committee on this subject did have the Administration's support. We told Eisenhower that we would send him a package outlining our position to him on Monday since it was classified and he was not returning to his office today. I am also asking Eisenhower if he or Senator Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.) will approach Senator John Tower (R., Texas), Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, to obtain his support for Senator Jake Garn's (R., Utah) efforts on our behalf.

b. Intelligence Charters - We talked about this subject in general terms and Eisenhower indicated that there are a number of Committee members (mostly Republicans) who are not convinced that there should be major legislative revisions in the intelligence charters. We should maintain the same type of dialogue with Eisenhower as we will have with Bill Miller, Staff Director of the Committee, on this subject.

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c. [redacted] We reviewed the status of the Committee's statement on this subject and Eisenhower asked if Mr. Knoche's letter of 24 March 1977 to the Committee on this subject should be considered as invoking the disclosure provisions of Section 8 of S. Res. 400. I told Eisenhower it should not be considered as a communication within the provisions of Section 8 but rather an expression of concern on the part of Mr. Knoche over certain of the Committee's modifications which had been made to the statement after it was reviewed by the Agency. I told him that I did not think we wanted to invoke Section 8 but that I wanted to preserve that option should it be considered necessary. Eisenhower said that Senator Garn had written a letter on this subject which was being handcarried to all members of the Committee. We mentioned Mr. Knoche's desire to appear before the Committee, along with a representative of the State Department should the Committee give further consideration to changes made in the statement by Senator Gary Hart (D., Colo.). (It appears that few,

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if any members, are supporting Senator Hart's position and that if the matter were put to another vote in the Committee, Senator Hart would lose.) Eisenhower suggested that Mr. Knoche call Bill Miller on this Monday morning. He said he would also check with Senator Garn to see where the situation stands.

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